Please add the following new claims:

--17. (New) A method for treating a surface of a ceramic hybrid substrate including ceramic surface areas and metallic surface areas, comprising the step of esterifying the ceramic surface areas.

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of treating the ceramic surface areas with a solution including organic constituents tailored to the ceramic hybrid substrate.

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the ceramic hybrid substrate is manufactured on the basis of silicon and the solution includes silicon.

20. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the solution includes a siloxane solution.

21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the solution includes between 0.1 and 1% of siloxane and between 99 and 99.9% of isopropanol, relative to 100% total volume.

22. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the treating step includes the substep of applying the solution by dip coating.

23. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the treating step includes the substep of applying the solution by spraying.

24. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of removing excess solution mechanically.

25. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the removing step includes the substep of wiping off the excess solution.

26. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the removing step includes the substep of blowing off the excess solution.

27. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of heat-treating surface contacted by the solution in the treating step.

28. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the surface is heat-treated in the heat-treating step at a temperature of approximately 100°C.

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29. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the heat-treating step is performed for a period of between 0.4 and 0.6 hours.

30. (New) The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of removing solution constituents not crosslinked after the heat-treating step.

31. (New) The method according to claim 30, wherein the removing step includes the substep of washing off the solution constituents not crosslinked.

32. (New) A ceramic hybrid substrate, comprising:

a surface including ceramic surface areas and metallic surface areas, wherein the ceramic surface areas are esterified.--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1 to 16 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/02023 and adds new claims 17 to 32. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and § 1.125(b)(2), a Marked-Up Version of the Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.